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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 1998, at 12 noon.

## Senate

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1998

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Sovereign of this Nation and Lord of our lives, we thank You for outward symbols of inner meaning that remind us of Your blessings. The sight of our flag stirs our patriotism and dedication. It reminds us of Your providential care through the years, of our blessed history as a people, of our role in the unfinished and unfolding drama of the American dream, and of the privilege we share living in this land.

This weekend, as we celebrate Flag Day, we repledge allegiance to our flag and recommit ourselves to the awesome responsibilities that You have entrusted to us. May the flag that waves above this Capitol remind us that this is Your land.

Thank You, Lord, that our flag also gives us a bracing affirmation of the unique role of the Senate in our democracy. In each age, You have called truly great men and women to serve as leaders. May these contemporary patriots experience fresh strength and vision, as You renew the drumbeat of Your Spirit, calling them to march to the cadence of the rhythm of Your righteousness. In the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the tobacco bill, with a Reed amendment pending regarding advertising. The Senate may also consider the vocational education bill, the Higher Education Act, the NASA authorization bill, the drug czar office reauthorization bill, and any other legislative or executive items that may be cleared for action.

As a reminder to all Members, the majority leader has announced that there will be no rollcall votes during today's session. Therefore, any votes ordered during Friday's session with respect to the tobacco bill will be postponed to occur on Monday, June 15, at a time to be determined by the two leaders but not before 5 p.m. Any votes ordered with respect to other legislative or executive items will be postponed to occur on Tuesday, June 16. All Members will be notified of Tuesday's voting schedule as it becomes available.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(Mr. ALLARD assumed the chair.)

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRAMS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, is there a time limit for addressing the Senate?

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I want to take a moment or two to talk about an issue that is related to the health and well-being of our fellow citizens—the Patients' Bill of Rights legislation, which I think cries out for action in these next very few days.

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